(ग) जी हां।

(घ) लम्बी दूरी की इस गाड़ी को इस स्टेशन पर ठहराने के औचित्य के लिए इस समय यहां प्राप्त होने वाला लम्बी दूरी का यातायात पर्याप्त नहीं पाया गया है।

Direct air link between Calcutta and other countries

1039. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated the 18th December, 1985 from a Member of Parliament regarding the utilisation of Calcutta aiport and direct airlink to Calcutta from Western Europe and U.S.A. as well as the East;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A representation dated 18-12-1985 has been received from Shri Amal Datta, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), wherein he has demanded that a survey be conducted to know the exact position in regard to the need of introducing international flights directly from Calcutta; a second stop at Calcutta be allowed for the convenience of passengers from Eastern and North-Eastern region; and at least five out of ten weekly flights to the West should start from Calcutta, while all the East bound flights should touch Calcutta;

(c) The representation is being examined.

Conductors and coach attendants in Railways

1040. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of conductors and coach attendants in different railways during the last three years;

(b) whether the number of conductors has been reduced recently, if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what amenities have been provided for this running staff including food etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of three-language formula

1041. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2414 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 11, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the three-language formula has been implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar and Urdu is being taught to those students whose mother tongue is Urdu at the primary and secondary stage;

(b) if so, what is the total number of such students and teachers in these States; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what steps the Central Government have taken or propose to take to implement the three-language formula in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar have accepted the three-language formula but in implementation there have been some deviations. Teaching through the medium of Urdu to those students whose mother tongue is Urdu in these States is governed by provision of Article 350(A) of the Constitution according to which adequate facility should be provided for instruction in the mother tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic minority groups.

In Madhya Pradesh facility for teaching of Urdu is being provided to students whose mother tongue is Urdu wherever demanded. In Uttar Pradesh teaching or Urdu is permissible as third language. Also in Uttar Pradesh facility has been provided to learn Urdu language from class I to V, if minimum 10 students want to learn Urdu in a class or 40 students in a school. In classes VI to VIII facility has been provided to learn Urdu, if 5 or more students want to learn Urdu in a class. In 1984-85 the number of Urdu students and teachers in primary schools was 3,72,580 and 9312 respectively. Information for Madhya Pradeh and Bihar, is not readily available.

(c) Does not arise.

Guidelines to States on Family Welfare Programmes

1042. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

a) whether Government have recently issued guidelines to States with regard to the implementation of family welfare programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) For effective implementation of the Family Welfare Programme, States have been asked to ensure fullest commitment and constant attention at all levels, intersectoral coordination among different departments, adequacy and accessibility of existing infrastructural facilities, improved management of the programme including quality services, involvement of district collectors and the developmental machinery, organisation of motivational and educational campaigns and effective involvement of voluntary organisations and opinion leaders upto the grass-root level. States have also been asked to prepare quarterly Action Plans for achieving their respective goals under the programme.